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FOR AF/E - COOTE FROM MANHARD, PASS PEACE CORPS

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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR SULLIVAN'S PASSPORT

REF: (A) TANGIERS 0332; (B) STATE 187609; (C) PORT LOUIS 0445

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1. SULLIVAN INFORMED AT REGIONAL PEACE CORPS MEETING TANGIERS THAT 8 FAM 241.1 PROHIBITS HIM FROM RETAINING OFFICIAL PASSPORT AND THAT UNLESS DEPARTMENT MAKES SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THIS CASE SULLIVAN MUST TURN IN OFFICIAL PASSPORT TO OBTAIN WITHHELD FUNDS.

2. IF DEPARTMENT LAWYERS BELIEVE THAT ABOVE CITED REGULATION MUST BE INTREPRETED TO PREVENT SULLIVAN FROM RETAINING OFFICIAL PASSPORT (WHICH IS CERTAINLY NOT CLEAR TO ME) I RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT PASS BUCK BACK TO PEACE CORPS WHERE IT BELONGS, MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS CLEAR:

(A) IF PEACE CORPS WANTS TO SAVE \$28,000 BY INDUCING SULLIVAN TO ACCEPT PCV STATUS IN LIEU OF FSR-3 STATUS, THAT IS PEACE CORP'S INTERNAL AFFAIR.

(B) AS FAR AS GOM IS CONCERNED SULLIVAN CANNOT RPT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS PCV. HE CAME HERE AS ACTING PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR AND HE MUST RETAIN THAT STATUS OR GOM WILL OBJECT, WHICH WILL HAVE PROMPT VERY NEGATIVE EFFECT ON ENTIRE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN MAURITIUS.

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(C) IF PEACE CORPS RPT PEACE CORPS CAN FIND NO OTHER
BUREAUCRATIC ALTERNATIVE, THEN THEY SHOULD RESTORE SULLIVAN
TO STAFF STATUS TO PRESERVE HIS PROPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOM.

3. IT IS HIGHLY ANNOYING TO FEEL OBLIGED TO REPEAT SAME POINTS
I HAVE PREVIOUSLY MADE IN REFS C AND D. APPARENTLY PEACE CORP
OFFICIALS CONCERNED IN WASHINGTON EITHER DO NOT READ MY TELEGRAMS
OR CANNOT UNDERSTAND THEM WHEN THEY DO READ THEM, (E.G., AUGUST 7
PEACE CORPS MEMO FROM BARKOW TO GRIFFIS).

4. PERHAPS DEPARTMENT SHOULD SPEAK DIRECTLY TO DELLENBACK, WHO
I BELIEVE WILL UNDERSTAND THIS PROBLEM VERY WELL.
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